

Which way will our friend, the *Star* and *Sentinel* go in the Hastings-Quay fight? As a very large majority of the Republican newspapers of the State are for Quay, likely the *Star* will go with them, though, personally, the *Star's* editor appears to be a Hastings man.

The leaders are very much in a quandary. Some of them are confirmed Quay men and seem to mean business. Others are for Hastings and seem to mean business. Altogether the Republicans in the county, including the *Star*, are between the devil and the sea. If they go in for Quay they must lose in our county because the best thinking Republican voters are tired of Quay's bossism. If they are for Hastings the Quay people will kick and they seem to be most determined. If the Hastings-Martin-Potter combination wins the city of Philadelphia may be lost to the Republicans. Therefore the Republicans of the county have fallen into the Quay line nobly, but since Hastings has been in the game some of them have gone to his side. Yet Hastings has disgusted many fair minded Republicans by his late political methods. The *Star* undertakes to lead the party it looks as if it might get into the same ugly entanglement as was the outcome of the doings of the Directors of the Poor. The *Star* will not likely get the Republicans to fall into line as it might have done before it got the Republican Poor Directors into a hole. So that the party does not seem to have a leader on whom it can depend. Where it will finally land is a question and apparently an embarrassment. On the Republican party sanction the Hastings administration and the late Legislature? Will the *Star* adopt its usual way and stay on the fence, or has it the firmness to state where it stands? The Republicans must go somewhere for advice for at present they are in the dark.

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Contrast that bold declaration of our Kentucky friends with the cowardly neutrality of the convention of Republican Leagues which met at Cleveland. What a vast difference between the two! The Kentucky Democrats say, "We return without qualifying the principles and policies declared by the National Democratic platform of 1892 and declare that our present Democratic administration is entitled to the thanks of the party for its courageous and statesmanlike management of public affairs, and we express our undiminished confidence in the Democratic party and president of President Grover Cleveland and his distinguished co-advisor and secretary John G. Carlisle of Kentucky." This is straightforward and *Deo* never!

The Republic in clubs did not do much to advise on the Silver question because it said that it had no right to forecast the National Convention by passing resolutions. Yet at this question was uppermost in men's minds and the people expected a answer to the Silver question from the Republican clubs.

How will the *Star* reconcile its predictions with the facts as boast as to the soundness of its party with the action of its Convention on Clubs?

Kentucky may be taken as an example of the south where the Silver comes through the efforts of Carlisle and others. Democrats are quickly doing out. Eventually the Republicans alone will have to shoulder the *Star* question. Their like policy of trying to keep money out of the coming Presidential campaign looks very much as if they are greatly apprehensive of the result if our standard of money becomes a question for our voters to decide.

LEGISLATIVE GOVERNOR AND STATE

The Republicans of the State have on their hands an elephant of considerable dimensions. Quay, the Boss wants to run things, and Hastings the Ambitious, won't be run. So the G.O.P. is in the middle. It's trouble, of some time standing, began to develop soon after the late Legislature convened. Hastings began to oppose Quay and Quay began to oppose Hastings. So the ball began to roll. Quay became fearful of his political standing in his party and he began the game of all or none. He determined to get for himself the chairmanship of the Republic in State Committee. Hastings, fearing that he might be compelled to play the second fiddle, comes out strong against Quay as is for Gilkison, the present chairman and thus it is that he partly scared Quay which way to "dip."

The political machine is character of the Hastings administration is becoming even more apparent than formerly and everything is turned to political account.

The turning down of the Quay county people, the appointment of Judge Rice, of Gettysburg, to the superior court bench and the signing of the bill to prevent the wearing of religious garb in schools in the public schools are the three events of recent political significance.

The Schuylkill Republican leaders wanted the Quay county bill killed, and were bitter in their opposition to it, so they are placated. The *Star* people were heart-broken over the statement that Judge Rice was to get the dump and the Republicans leaders and newspapers of that county were very anxious to see the little master was fixed up and Judge Rice appointed. The *Star* teachers' bill was virtually voted out, most of the events of the past few days showed that the end of the junior Order American Mechanics and other secret orders will be badly needed in the future, and their influence at the primaries is secured. Everything is politics.

It was to be hoped that Governor Hastings' good set would get the better of his political ambition in his consideration of the "Gard bill," but as things turn out it seems that the *Star*, like the many other measures, because a political scheme.

Secularism should not be allowed to enter into our schools under any conditions, but a law that will deter members of religious societies, who are otherwise fully qualified, from teaching purely secular branches of knowledge in our public schools is unjust and discriminatory antagonistic to the spirit of our institutions. What shall be taught in our common schools is a perfectly legitimate subject for legislative enactment, but the garb the teachers shall wear or refrain from wearing should be left to the choice and conscientious of the teachers themselves, and any act which undertakes to dictate a form of garb that shall be worn by those who teach beyond property and justice or common sense. It is unfortunate that a bill like this should have gotten into the state books of Pennsylvania.

Many Republican became thoroughly and becomingly disgusted with the Legislature before it was in session one month, and now many of them are disgusted with the Governor also. That Legislature was a disgrace to the State but at the end it started a wedge to split the Republican party in twain—a benefit to the State. The party which has so large a majority, so much rope as has the Republican party in Pennsylvania, must eventually hang itself, and it looks now as if it were on a fair road to run both Hastings and Quay seem to be determined to lead the party as they wanted to manage the Legislature. The result of the one will be as disastrous as the other. The defeat of Quay means that Martin and Porter, of Philadelphia, with Hastings will run that city and that through them the Republicans can party in that city will be completely broken if the Hastings party is defeated it means that Quay is also the sole boss of the State, and to that thinking Republicans will object. It looks as if a majority of the Republican voters are tiring of Quay's bossism. If they are for Hastings the Quay people will kick and they seem to be most determined. If the Hastings-Martin-Potter combination wins the city of Philadelphia may be lost to the Republicans. Therefore the Republicans of the county have fallen into the Quay line nobly, but since Hastings has been in the game some of them have gone to his side. Yet Hastings has disgusted many fair minded Republicans by his late political methods. The *Star* undertakes to lead the party it looks as if it might get into the same ugly entanglement as was the outcome of the doings of the Directors of the Poor. The *Star* will not likely get the Republicans to fall into line as it might have done before it got the Republican Poor Directors into a hole. So that the party does not seem to have a leader on whom it can depend. Where it will finally land is a question and apparently an embarrassment. On the Republican party sanction the Hastings administration and the late Legislature? Will the *Star* adopt its usual way and stay on the fence, or has it the firmness to state where it stands? The Republicans must go somewhere for advice for at present they are in the dark.

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